Guidelines for IMFL producing MNCs

1795. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have framed any rules/guidelines under which MNCs producing IMFL in India are required to seek Government's approval before setting up of acquiring new plants;

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that M/s Seagram Mfg. Ltd., a multinational company has taken over Oceanic Distilleries Pvt. Ltd., Dindori, District Nasik without Government's approval; and

(d) if so, the action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) FDI is not permitted for creation of fresh capacity in the potable alcohol sector. As regards, investment against existing capacity, such proposals are considered for approval provided it does not entail endorsement of License.

(c) and (d) M/s Seagram Mfg. Pvt. Ltd. was granted permission in 1993 to set up a Wholly Owned Subsidiary for establishment of a non-molasses based spirit manufacturing/blending facility. Foreign investors are bound by the terms and conditions of the foreign collaboration approval and relevant Indian laws, including the provisions of Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999; and Regulations made thereunder. Cases of violation of the terms and conditions of the foreign collaboration approval and/or relevant Acts/Rules and dealt with by the Administrative Ministries/ Statutory authorities, including the Reserve Bank of India, for taking appropriate action against defaulting companies.

Report on Intellectual Property Rights and Development Policy

1796. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state: